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## JERSEY BRIEF AGAINST PROHIBITION IN U. S. COURT

### "SCRAP-SHIP-BOARD" PLAN FOR LIFTING TAX BURDEN IS REVIVED BY BILL IN SENATE

Sale of Vessels, Under The Evening World Plan, Would Reduce Taxes \$1,700,000,000 and Put Thousands of Men in More Useful Work.

WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO SELL THE GOVERNMENT SHIPS:  
\$1,000,000,000 for ships already completed or purchased.  
500,000,000 for ships in process of completion.  
200,000,000 for plant and materials.  
1,700,000,000 in cash to go back to the Treasury.  
1,700,000,000 reduction in taxes.  
1,700,000,000 taken off the cost of living.  
1,700,000,000 additional capital for production.  
100,000 men available for useful employment.  
200,000,000 saved every year which the Government would otherwise pay for operation.

By Martin Green.  
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The prospect of turning the Shipping Board and its ships, yards and materials into a substantial asset instead of continuing that organization as a staggering Government liability was revived yesterday in the Senate by Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey. He introduced a bill giving the Shipping Board authority to sell all its ships at once under the best terms obtainable with the condition that the purchasers shall operate them under the American flag.

Senator Edge did not move his bill for passage. It stands as a matter of record in the Senate and will be brought up whenever the Senate committee on Commerce reports on a plan for the conduct of the American Merchant Marine.

The resolution of Senator Edge is in line with The Evening World's contention that the Shipping Board should get rid of its ships and turn the money into the treasury for the reduction of the deficit. Out of this resolution providing for the sale of all ships will grow further legislation which should recall to the uses of the Government a billion and a half or two billion dollars of the vast sum already spent by the Shipping Board, and should put a stop to further heavy expenses on the part of the Shipping Board.

Advocates of Government ownership and operation of the Merchant Marine succeeded in stopping the sale of the former German ships a month ago by raising the false cry that the ships were to be sold to Great Britain. Evidently that view prevailed in the Commerce Committee, which ruled that the ships should be retained and reconducted at an estimated cost of \$75,000,000.

CONGRESS AS WHOLE AGAINST GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS.

From the action of the Senate Committee on Commerce the casual observer would infer that Congress

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SMALL CITIES GROWING.

Beaumont, Tex., Shows Greatest Per Cent. of Increase in Census Figures  
WASHINGTON, March 4.—The third announcement of population statistics of the fourteenth census issued to-day yields Peoria, Ill., with 76,121 inhabitants, an increase of 3,171, or 12.7 per cent., over 1910.  
Other populations given out were: Bloomington, Ill., 28,638, increase 2,879, or 11.1 per cent.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 35,366, increase 12,752, or 36.3 per cent.; Beaumont, Tex., 25,251, increase 14,711, or 71.3 per cent.; and Bellevue, Ky., 7,379, increase 656, or 10.4 per cent.

WORLD RESTAURANT.  
Special 75c Dinner, Tuesday, March 4, 1920.  
Dinner 75c, 10c extra for tip and 10c for tax.  
Lunch 50c, 10c extra for tip and 10c for tax.  
Breakfast 25c, 10c extra for tip and 10c for tax.  
Room 10c, 10c extra for tip and 10c for tax.  
Bath 10c, 10c extra for tip and 10c for tax.  
Dress 10c, 10c extra for tip and 10c for tax.  
Shoe 10c, 10c extra for tip and 10c for tax.  
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### WILSON TO RETIRE YEAR FROM TO-DAY, ALL SIGNS INDICATE

Friends Certain President Will Not Seek Re-election as Seventh Year Ends.

"THIRD TERM" A BOGEY.

Executive's Statement That "Man Is Fool" to Seek His Office Recalled.

By David Laurence.  
(Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, March 4. (Copyright, 1920).—Seven years—long or short, according as one's politics may be—have gone by since the Wilson Administration came into power. It is natural that officials should "reminisce into the future," as one of them expresses it.

Who will be occupying the Executive Mansion one year hence? What hopeful, world-to-conquer spirit and freshness of touch will prevail as another Administration sets forth on the perplexing paths marked out by a variety of campaign pledges and promises?

Of one thing there seems little doubt. Woodrow Wilson will not be in the White House a year from now. Everybody, including his intimates, will be surprised if he makes an effort to run for a third term. Few would dare confide their belief that if he did make the run the third-term tradition would defeat him, but that's the conviction of most of the Wilson people here.

But Mr. Wilson himself once said something pertinent on this point to a delegation at the White House which attempted to browbeat him into accepting an opposite point of view by threatening not to vote for him again. He remarked more or less angrily that "a man is a fool who seeks the Presidency of the United States."

The remark caused very little comment at the time, but it is typical Wilsonian philosophy. Mr. McAdoo has availed himself of the doctrine by refusing to sanction the use of his name in primaries. Mr. Hoover has done the same thing.

The idea seems to be that the Presidency is something which no man ought to seek personally but which should come to him only when the people do the seeking. Mr. Wilson believed he was sought after in 1916 by his party. Mr. Hughes was sought after by the Republicans in 1916.

PRESIDENT'S LOT IS NOT A HAPPY ONE.

But the particular application which the President may have had in mind when he declared a man was a fool for his pains if he sought election to the Presidency was to the

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### MRS. SEED FINED FOR SHOPLIFTING

Chiropractic Pays \$100 and Leaves Court With Sisters Who Found Her in the Tombs.

Dr. Susan P. Seed, chiropractor, formerly of the Nevada Apartments, who pleaded guilty to shoplifting last Friday, was today fined \$100 in the Court of Special Sessions by Justice Kernochan, Moss and Frosch.  
Mrs. Seed, according to detectives of the Stores Mutual Protective Association, on Feb. 21 in McGree's store, Fifth Avenue and 54th Street, took two handbags, eight napkins and a book rack. When arrested she gave her maiden name of Susan Condon and remained in the Tombs for a week before her sisters were able to find her.  
Attorney James Murray contended that Dr. Seed was a nervous wreck because of business difficulties.  
Mrs. Seed paid the fine and left court with her sisters.

### CITY PLANS SUBWAY SEIZURE IF SERVICE DOESN'T IMPROVE

Warns the Interborough It Will Take Legal Steps Within Ninety Days.

INSISTS ON AGREEMENT.

Clause in Contract for Adequate Accommodations Violated, Says Burr.

Corporation Counsel Burr announced to-day that unless the Interborough greatly improves its service within the next ninety days he will take steps to legally seize the subway and have it operated either by the city or by tenants other than the present operators.

"I shall immediately call upon the Public Service Commission to insist that the terms of the contract be carried out to the letter," said Mr. Burr.  
"If the Company fails to do this it will be considered in default of its agreement with the city, and the proper steps will be taken to carry out the terms of the penalty."

"A clause in the dual subway contract makes it the duty of the city to first give warning to the company and then act if the warning is not heeded. The company gets ninety days to effect a remedy. If the adequate service guaranteed subway patrons along with the five-cent fare guarantee is not lived up to at the end of the three months' period the city can and will take necessary steps for the taking over of the road. Upon assuming control of the subway the city could either operate it or it could designate some other agency."

Mr. Burr said proof of inadequate service was a matter of record. After Mr. Burr had shown in the traction inquiry that the Interborough was not living up to the service clause the Public Service Commission began an investigation and issued an order demanding that the traction company install 400 more cars.

At yesterday's traction hearing Frank Hedley, President of the Interborough, admitted that the service was inadequate, but blamed the city, charging that the cause was due to the fact that the city has not completed the building of the subways.

Mr. Burr declared the statement of Mr. Hedley is but a subterfuge, because, when he was asked if the service would be adequate when the subways were completed, he replied that by that time there would be no problems of congestion to meet.

"Everybody knows that the Interborough is daily violating its contract," Mr. Burr added, "and that the service is a disgrace. The Interborough also knows what its contract with the city distinctly provides for."

The provision of the subway contract which Mr. Burr will take advantage of is as follows:  
"The principal object of the city in making this contract is to secure for the public convenience an adequate, comfortable and rapid system of passenger transportation in the portions of New York which will be served by the railroad and the existing railroads."

"By the foregoing provisions of the lease the lessee has covenanted, among other things, to operate the railroad and the existing railroads carefully and skillfully, according to the highest standards of railway operation; to supply adequate equipment; to run trains so as to furnish adequate service; to use the best safety devices; to keep the railroad, the equipment, the existing railroads and the existing equipment clean, dry, well lighted, heated and ventilated and to do other things, as hereinbefore set forth, for the convenience and accommodation of the public. These covenants on the part of the lessee are among the principal moving considerations to the city in making this contract, and any breach thereof will entitle the city to the remedies provided in this contract."

U. S. CONSULATE IN SWISS CITY IS DAMAGED BY BOMB

Zurich Police Believed to Have Clues to Guilty Persons.

ZURICH, March 4.—A bomb was exploded last night under the porch of the American Consulate here, damaging the building, but injuring no one.

The police are believed to have clues as to the guilty persons.  
WASHINGTON, March 4.—An official report on the bombing was made to the State Department to-day by Consul General Keena who said the building was partly destroyed, but no one injured.

Mr. Keena said the police attributed the attack "to anarchistic activities." The Consulate offices are attached to the residence of Alfred W. Donegan, Vice Consul, and Mr. Keena said no government property had been destroyed.

WON'T SELL WEST INDIES.

McAdoo's Proposal to Pay Debt to U. S. Disturbed in England.

LONDON, March 4.—The proposition to sell the British West Indies to the United States to help balance Great Britain's war debt has evoked little comment.

The proposal is not supported in any responsible quarter.

ALL WELL ON ST. PAUL.

Disabled Liner Is Expected to Reach Halifax To-Morrow.

Officials of the International Mercantile Marine to-day received the following message from Capt. A. R. Mills of the disabled liner St. Paul:

"St. Paul is making nine knots. Expected to reach Halifax 2 A. M. Friday, All well."

The St. Paul left for England Saturday on the first trip since she overturned in the North River about a year and a half ago. She carried more than 700 passengers. Boiler trouble compelled her to put back.

TWO U. S. SHIPS IN DISTRESS

One Reaches Port Leaving and Other Is Afloat.

LONDON, March 4.—The American steamer Astoria, from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., (before reported with water in No. 1 and 2 holds), has arrived at Cardiff to discharge cargo and make repairs.

The American steamer Westford, from New Orleans and Norfolk, has arrived at Havre, France, with cargo in No. 3 hold afloat.

Mexico Expels Alleged Soviet Agent

MEXICO CITY, March 4.—Frederick Kreiner, an Austrian who arrived in the Tampico region last December, has been expelled on the ground that he had been spreading Soviet propaganda.

### TURKEY IS CAST OUT OF EUROPE

Peace Treaty Strips Her of Practically All Territory There, but Leaves Sacred Places.

LONDON, March 4.—Turkey is stripped of virtually all her territory in Europe, but retains the sacred places by the treaty now being completed by the conference of Foreign Ministers and Ambassadors, it became known to-day.

### MORE DETECTIVES FACE INDICTMENT IN GRAFT CASES

Sixteen Suspects, Including Police, Lawyers and Bondsmen Watched.

Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith, accompanied by members of Inspector McDonald's vice squad and by agents of the Committee of Fourteen and the Parkhurst Society, searched the white light district last night for additional witnesses in the investigation of alleged police graft among women.

A number of subpoenas were issued for witnesses to appear at the District Attorney's office to-day.

Among them were two girls who gave the names of Kitty Daly and Jennie Carrollo. They were held in \$5,000 bail each as material witnesses by Judge Malone in General Sessions.

Mr. Smith said they would be important witnesses in the trial of Detective John J. Gannon, indicted for alleged bribery and extortion.  
Mr. Smith said the Carrollo girl was present at the time Gannon is alleged to have driven away with his revolver a man who complained of being robbed in a flat. Mr. Smith said Kitty Daly was worth \$75,000 and that she was expected to testify in the case of a police official "higher up" to whom, he said, she gave an automobile. Both girls laughed at Smith's allegations and said they did not know Gannon.

Mr. Smith said that in connection with the inquiry into relations between the police, the women, certain lawyers and certain professional bondsmen, there were now sixteen persons under the official eye.

The list includes additional members of Inspector Henry's staff, some from other inspection districts, at least two lawyers and several bondsmen.

"We have evidence," said Mr. Smith, "that these men reaped large sums from women of the underworld by swearing falsely in Magistrate's Courts and obtaining the discharge of arrested women for a consideration. The money did not go always direct to the police, but to lawyers and bondsmen who afterward shared it."

Mr. Smith said his investigation was in its infancy, but that already he has information that will result in one of the worst scandals that has involved members of the Police Department in years. Other indictments, he predicted, will be returned in a short time.

One thing disclosed, according to Mr. Smith, is that women seeking to return to blameless lives have been hounded from their positions and driven back to the streets by detectives so the latter could get a part of their earnings.

Inspector Henry declined to discuss the arrest of Gannon, but the detective, who was released in \$5,000 bail, denied all the charges.

"This is a frame-up from start to finish," Gannon told reporters.  
Gannon, who was exonerated recently by Deputy Police Commissioner Leach, Porter and Ellen O'Grady, eight months after they had heard evidence against him on a charge of falsely arresting Sadie Kohn and Lillian Cohen, whom he accused of soliciting, is now charged with having accepted \$50 from a woman of the streets to whom he promised protection, and also with having extorted \$50 from the same woman by threatening her with arrest unless she paid him the money.

### EVEN NON-INTOXICATING BEER FORBIDDEN BY PROHIBITION, JERSEY COURT BRIEF SAYS

State's Fight on 18th Amendment Denies Right to Regulate Habits and Morals of People or Interfere in Their Internal Affairs.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The State of New Jersey, through its Attorney General, Thomas F. McCran, to-day filed in the United States Supreme Court its suit seeking to have the Constitutional Prohibition Amendment declared null and void and to prevent enforcement of the Volstead Act. Joseph A. Lanigan, Assistant State Attorney General, has asked for an early hearing on the petition, which is directed against A. Mitchell Palmer, United States Attorney General, and Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

### WETS WORRY DRYS AGAIN IN HOUSE

Make Second Futile Attempt Within a Week to Repeal Volstead Act.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—By a vote of 254 to 56 the House to-day refused to repeal the Volstead Prohibition Enforcement Law.

The action came on a motion of Representative Egan, Democrat, New Jersey, to discontinue all Prohibition appropriations July 1 and to repeal the Volstead Act at that time.

The House then passed the legislative bill without a record vote.  
It developed during the discussion that the wets plan to make the same fight on the liquor question during consideration of every bill carrying any sort of an appropriation for Prohibition enforcement.

### PROHIBITION CASES HEARD MONDAY

Argument on New Jersey's Brief Is Likely, However, to Go Over Three or Four Weeks.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The United States Supreme Court to-day definitely set next Monday for arguments of cases to determine the validity of constitutional prohibition. The original report of complaint brought by Rhode Island and appeals from Massachusetts and Kentucky Federal Courts upholding prohibition will be heard.

It is not expected the New Jersey suit filed to-day will be argued until three or four weeks later, but it is virtually identical with the Rhode Island case, and a decision in the latter would be applicable to the former.

### BIG GERMAN LOAN APPROVED, IS REPORT

London Paper Says Allies Will Permit International Aid to Avert Dangers.

LONDON, March 4.—The Evening Standard states to-day that the Allied Supreme Council has decided to allow Germany to launch an international loan, because it is recognized that Germany ruined would mean a weak and dangerous spot in Europe.

The loan, the newspaper says, would take precedence over any indemnity payments Germany is called upon to make.

### WILSON WANTS TO PLAY GOLF

Admiral Grayson Will Keep Him Off Links Several Weeks.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—President Wilson is becoming impatient at the restrictions placed on his recreation, and following his automobile ride yesterday he discussed with Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, the possibility of playing golf in the near future.

Dr. Grayson said to-day that it probably would be several weeks before the President would be permitted to play.

TAKE BELL-ANS AFTER MEALS and see how the GOOD DIGESTION makes you feel.—Adv.